

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation on August 27, 1998

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST 98-4340

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: **TACA International Airlines, S.A.**

Date Filed: August 19, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to engage in scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Belize City, Belize, and Miami, Florida, for a period of 150 days, commencing September 1, 1998.

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority

Applicant representative: John R. Brimsek (202) 296-8000

Responsive pleadings: None filed (TACA notified the Department that it had polled all interested parties served with its application and received "non-objections" to grant of the requested authority.)

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved

Action date: August 27, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: August 27, 1998-January 31, 1999 1/

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): Reciprocity with El Salvador

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

X Standard exemption conditions (attached)

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks: We determined, taking into account the facts of this case, that approval of TACA's request is consistent with the public interest.

**Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation**

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) the applicant was qualified to perform the proposed operations; (2) immediate action was required and was consistent with Department policy; (3) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (4) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR § 385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

1/ Since the duration of TACA's authority is for a period of fewer than 180 days, it is not a license with reference to an activity of a continuing nature within the meaning 5 USC 558(c). See 14 CFR Part 377.

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